

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

An access control management method is provided for managing access permits for access requests transmitted by an external apparatus to a storage apparatus by way of a network. The storage apparatus receives a frame of a login request from the external apparatus and determines whether or not the received frame includes second information for identifying the external apparatus (first determination process). ~~In a case where a result of~~ When the first determination process indicates that the frame does not include the second information, acquisition of first information for identifying the external apparatus from the external apparatus is requested and the acquired first information is checked ~~in order~~ to determine whether or not an access permit should be given to the external apparatus (second determination process). ~~In a case where a result of~~ When the second determination process indicates that an access permit should be given to the external apparatus, an access request made by the external apparatus as a request for an access to the storage apparatus is approved. ~~As a result, it is possible to improve security of an access request made by the external apparatus serving as a host computer by adoption of an iSCSI protocol as a request for an access to the storage apparatus.~~